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SUBJ: PRO-PLO DEMONSTRATION AT WEST BANK COLLEGE

1. RELIABLE SOURCE INFORMED US A SIT-IN DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF PLO PARTICIPATION IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE TOOK PLACE JAN 12 IN WEST BANK COLLEGE OF BIR ZEIT. SOURCE STATED STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS DISTRIBUTED STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PLO.

2. BIR ZEIT FACULTY MEMBERS ALLEGEDLY ISSUED SEPARATE STATEMENT PROTESTING ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION OF ONE OF THEIR COLLEAGUES, PROFESSOR TARSIR AROURI, WHOM THEY ALLEGE HAS BEEN HELD IN ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL SINCE APRIL 1974. STATEMENT CLAIMED DETAINED PROFESSOR IS ONE OF 500 ARRESTED AT THAT TIME AND STILL AWAITING TRIAL. SOURCE INDICATED DEMONSTRATION ENDED PEACEFULLY WITHOUT POLICY INTERVENTION OR ARRESTS.

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3. COMMENT. CRITICISM OF GOI POLICY OF ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION

HAS BEEN CONSTANT THEME OF EAST JERUSALEM ARABIC DAILIES. MAYORS OF VARIOUS WEST BANK TOWNS, PARTICULARLY NABLUS, HAVE FREQUENTLY PROTESTED ALLEGED PROLONGED PERIODS OF DETENTION OF WEST BANK RESIDENTS. WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE EXACT NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION, I.E. ARREST WITHOUT FORMAL CHARGE OR TRIAL, WE TEND TO BELIEVE NUMBER OF 500 DETAINEES AS REPORTED IN FACULTY PROTEST STATEMENT IS AN EXAGGERATION. AT SAME TIME FIGURES GIVEN TO CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS AND OTHERS BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES (RANGING FROM ABOUT 30 TO 65 DURING PAST YEAR) SEEM EXTREMELY LOW IN VIEW OF ALMOST DAILY ARABIC PRESS REPORTS OF ARRESTS ON WEST BANK AND COMPLAINTS OF LENGTHY DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL.

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